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Date: 13/01/2023

CIRCULAR

Subject: Conducting various activities on SUP items.

Please find enclosed herewith a letter No. D-598/COM/MCD/2022 dated 27/12/2022 received from Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

In this regard, various activities are already being conducted on SUP items in pursuance of even circulars no. dated 15.03.2022, 13.04.2022, 13.05.2022, 11.07.2022, 17.07.2022, 25.07.2022 and 03.10.2022. However, awareness generation on plastic waste management and reducing SUP is an important pillar in bringing behavioral change among the students of DoE.

Therefore, all the HoSs of Govt./Govt. Aided/Pvt. Recognized Schools of DoE, GNCT of Delhi are requested to conduct the various activities on SUP items as per tentative action plan for inculcating the sense of responsibility among the students of schools under DoE, GNCT of Delhi and to comply with effective implementation of the above said circulars of Directorate of Education and the Provisions of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended till date.

This issues with the prior approval of the competent authority.

Addl. Director of Education

Enclosed: As above.

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Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1- PS to Secretary (Education), GNCT of Delhi.

2- PS to Director, Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi.

3- PS to Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Dr. SPM Civic Centre, 9th Floor (E1 Block), Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, New Delhi-110002.

4- All DDEs (District/Zone)- to ensure the compliance please.

5- HoSs of all Govt./Govt. Aided/Private Unaided recognized Schools of DoE, GNCTD.

6- OS (IT) with the request to upload the circular on the official website of Department of Education and in public circulars section.

(Dr. Sudhakar Gaikwad) Dy. Director of Education (Science)

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D.O. No. D-598 /COM/MCD/2022

Dated: 27/12/2022

Dean Himanshu,

Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD has re-constituted City Level Task Force (CLTF) vide order No.Addl.CommDEMS/MCD/D-027 dated 25/07/2022 for management of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 and Implementation of Single Use Plastic vide order No.61/E-in-C/SDMC/2021/D-106 dated 18.06.2021 in pursuance of O.M. dated 16.04.2021 issued by MoEFCC, Government of India.

Plastic waste has emerged as a serious threat to the environment and human health. India has pledged to phase out Single Use Plastic (SUP) by 2022 on World Environment Day.

The national strategy for addressing the environment concerns emerging out of plastic waste involves the philosophy of 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' along with the adoption of principles of Circular Economy and alternatives to identified SUPs prohibited under PWM (Amendment) Rules, 2021

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India MoEF), has notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021 vide Gazette Notification dated 12th August 2021, which prohibits identified single use plastic items which have low utility and high littering potential. The rule has increased the thickness of plastic carry bags from 50 to 75 microns from 30th September, 2021 and to 120 microns with effect from the 31st December, 2022. There is also prohibition of 20 identified SUPs by 2022.

The identified SUP commodities which are banned now include earbuds, plastic sticks for balloons, flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, thermocol, straws, plates, cups, glasses, forks, spoons, knives, trays, invitation cards, cigarette packets, wrapping or packaging films around sweets boxes, plastic/PVC banners less than 100 microns, stirrers etc.

The accumulation of plastic and products made of plastic in the environment lead to plastic pollution which imposes a hazardous effect on stray animals and human food chain. The plastics have a chemical configuration by which they are resistant to environmental degradation rusting to high incidences of environmental pollution due to slow degradation. The chemicals or micro plastics enter into the food chain through water and soil and eventually will affect all the generations to come.

Awareness generation on plastic waste management and reducing SUP items is an important pillar in bringing behavior change. Strong public movement for mitigation of plastic pollution is to be created by involving educational institutions (Schools, Colleges, Universities etc.), NCC, NSS, Scouts, Youth Clubs, Eco Clubs, Opinion Makers and Voluntary Organizations through Urban Local Bodies

Municipal Corporation of Delhi is undertaking regular enforcement drives and advocating the use of alternatives to plastic. However, much more needs to be done to break the Plastic wave. As the future generations of Delhi are being tutored and handheld through Education Department, it is only imperative that you join us in the comprehensive plastic waste management.

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As we increase public understanding and shape correct community perceptions on the dangers of plastic pollution, we will find better solutions and empower people to make choices effectively. This is to request your personal intervention to issue necessary directions to implement the Waste Management Rules in the right earnest and provide a clean and green future for our coming generations.

In view of above, it is requested to conduct the various activities on SUP items as per tentative action plan for inculcating the sense of responsibility among the students of schools under your Jurisdiction to comply with effective implementation of the provisions of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended till date

Some of the identified action in this regard could be as below:

- i. As an effective way of internalising the hazards of plastic use, it is suggested that a pledge shall be taken by each child once in a month during the morning assembly to "Say no to Single use plastic'. An indicative pledge is enclosed herewith.
- ii. Eco-clubs may be formed in all classes where children can bring out innovative solutions for reusing and replacing plastic and such ideas may be communicated to this office.
- iii. Specific measures may be taken to declare schools and educational institutions as plastic-free premises and no single use plastic be allowed to be used in your institutions.
- iv. To inculcate in students, the need and necessity to identify single use plastics which have high littering potential and be able to resist the urge to use them and instead carry their own water bottles and cloth bags at all times.
- v. E-Brochures/ E- Booklets/ Posters
- vi. Pledge Campaign
- vii. Short videos/ Documentary clips
- viii. Animated presentations
 - ix. Quiz and drawing competition
 - x. Jute/ Paper bag making activities
 - xi. Bring your own plastics and create wealth out of waste products
- xii. Workshops/ seminars/ webinars
- xiii. Student Campaigns/Plogging/awareness drives/street plays
- xiv. Celebration of National/ International Environment days with special emphasis on plastics

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Yours sincerely,

Encl: as above

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में शपथ लेता / लेती हूँ कि मैं पर्यावरण के संरक्षण हेतु अपने घर में प्लास्टिक से निर्मित वस्तुएँ, जैसे पॉलीथीन बैग, कप प्लेट, गिलास, चम्मच, स्ट्रॉ, प्लास्टिक थर्मोकोल, प्लास्टिक बोतल एवं प्लास्टिक से बना सजावटी सामान इत्यादि जो पर्यावरण के लिए हानिकारक हैं, उनका प्रयोग नहीं करूँगा / करूँगी तथा दक्षिणी दिल्ली नगर निगम क्षेत्र को प्लास्टिक मुक्त क्षेत्र बनाने में अपना सहयोग करूँगा / करूँगी।

में यह भी संकल्प करता / करती हूँ कि मैं अपने रिश्तेदारों, मित्रों तथा आसपास रहने वाले सभी व्यक्तियों को प्लास्टिक से निर्मित वस्तुएँ जो पर्यावरण के लिए हानिकारक हैं, उनका उपयोग नहीं करने के लिए प्रेरित करूँगा / करूँगी।





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